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COST OF ELECTRICITY CHARGES ON CNG STATIONS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the MGL in Mumbai is paying/reimbursing the actual cost of electricity charges to the Retail outlets of different oil companies who have separate electricity meters of running on the online CNG station;

(b) if so, whether the IGL in Delhi is also adopting the same criteria;

(c) if not, the reasons for discrimination;

(d) whether this discrimination has caused the closure of some on line CNG stations which has further increased the difficulties of the suffering motorists;

(e) whether this discrimination is to defame the IOCL dealers only as the BPCL official are holding the senior position in IGL on deputation;

(f) the number of electricity units consumed for dispensing 100 Kg of CNG in Delhi and Mumbai respectively and the electricity cost respectively; and

(g) the time by which this discrimination shall be rectified and the action taken/ proposed to be taken against the officials found responsible?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c) Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) pays electricity charges to the Oil Marketing Companies on average basis and not on actual electricity consumption basis. The average electricity charges per kg of CNG produced has been worked out by a committee comprising representatives of Oil Marketing Companies. As such there is no discrimination.

(d) One dealer was not satisfied with this amount and unilaterally decided to deduct higher electricity charges. Supplies to the concerned dealer were temporarily suspended. Supplies have since been restored from 9th July.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) In Mumbai the average number of electricity units consumed for compressing 100 Kg CNG is in the range of 21 to 23.For a daughter booster station where the gas is required to be recompressed, the average number of electricity units consumed for compressing 100 kg. is in the range of 28 to 30.

Approx. 15 units of electricity is reportedly consumed for producing 100 kg. of CNG in Delhi. The unit cost of electricity in Mumbai varies from Rs. 5.2 to Rs. 6.75 per unit and in Delhi is Rs.5.25.

(g) As there is no discrimination, question of taking action against any Official does not arise.